AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing Of Claims:

- 1-9. (Canceled)
- 10. (Currently Amended) A connecting device for attaching a sensor device relative to a glass pane of motor vehicle, comprising:

a structure including a contact space to be located between the sensor device and the glass pane, wherein[[:]] the contact space is sealed, and a partial vacuum is provided in the contact space; and

an arrangement for performing: a) heating an inside of the contact space; b) following the heating, sealing the contact space; and c) subsequent to the sealing, cooling the inside of the contact space.

- 11. (Withdrawn) The connecting device as recited in Claim 10, wherein:

 a maximum amount of water vapor is provided in the contact space in such a
 way that a relative air moisture is less than 100% under a provided operating condition.
- 12. (Withdrawn) The connecting device as recited in Claim 10, wherein: a dry gas is provided in the contact space.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The connecting device as recited in Claim 10, further comprising: at least one of an optically-transparent, condensed <u>liquid</u> medium and an NIR-transparent, condensed <u>liquid</u> medium provided in the contact space.
- 14. (Previously Presented) The connecting device as recited in Claim 10, further comprising: attachment nubs provided on a surface of the structure facing the glass pane.
- 15. (Currently Amended) A method of attaching a sensor device relative to a glass pane of a motor vehicle, comprising:

situating a connecting device between the sensor device and the glass pane in an area defining a contact space; and

generating a partial vacuum in the contact space, wherein the generating the partial vacuum includes:

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heating an inside of the contact space,

following the heating, sealing the contact space, and subsequent to the sealing, cooling the inside of the contact space.

- 16. (Canceled).
- 17. (Withdrawn) The method as recited in Claim 15, wherein the generating the partial vacuum includes:

performing an evacuating using an orifice in the contact space, and subsequent to the evacuating, sealing the contact space.

- 18. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in Claim [[10]] <u>15</u>, further comprising: providing at least one of optically-transparent, condensed <u>liquid</u> medium and an NIR-transparent, <u>condensed liquid</u> medium in the contact space.
- 19. (New) A sensor system of a motor vehicle, comprising:
 - a glass pane of a motor vehicle;
 - a sensor device;
- a connecting device for attaching the sensor device to the glass pane, wherein the sensor device includes: a structure having a contact space located between the sensor device and the glass pane, wherein the contact space is sealed and a partial vacuum is provided in the contact space; and attachment nubs provided on a surface of the structure facing the glass pane.